

REMARKS

1. Restriction Requirement

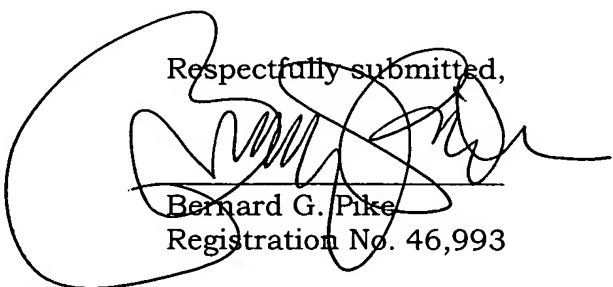
In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims of the subject application into the following four invention groups:

- I. Claims 1-45; and
- II. Claims 46-47.

Applicants herein elect Group I, including claims 1-45 for further examination in the subject application without traverse and without prejudice or disclaimer. Further, Applicants elect ATRP of methacrylic acid in aqueous systems using the complex Cu(I)/Na₂EDTDAA as the catalyst as in Examples 3C. All claims 1-45 read on this election.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to fully respond to the Restriction Requirement presented by the Examiner. Examination of the application's elected claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any concerns regarding Applicants' present response, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

Respectfully submitted,



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